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1. **All spouses:** 18.5% have attended Level I AFTB classes, 9.7% have attended Level II classes, and 6.3% have attended Level III AFTB classes. 79.9% have not participated in AFTB.
2. **All spouses:** 49.8% of those who attended AFTB classes found them very effective/effective in helping them and their family adjust to Army life, 12.3% found these classes to be ineffective/very ineffective.
3. **All spouses:** Over half (52.8%) reported that the FRG is active in their Soldier spouse's unit and 33.9% did not know if the FRG is active.
4. **All spouses:** Of those spouses who reported an active FRG in their Soldier spouse's unit, 71.8% have participated in FRG activities by attending meetings. This is an *increase* from 2001, when 63.1% reported attending meetings.



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5. **All spouses:** Of those who reported an active FRG in the Soldier's unit, 18.9% have served as a FRG leader and 81.1% have not. This finding is unchanged from 2001, when 18.4% reported serving as a FRG leader.
6. **All spouses:** Of spouses who reported an active FRG in the Soldier's unit, 43.3% said the FRG is providing family readiness training, 22.8% said the FRG is not providing this training, and 33.9% do not know if this training is provided.
7. **All spouses:** Of spouses who reported an active FRG in the Soldier's unit, 50.8% reported that the FRG is well run, 25.3% reported that the FRG is not well run, and 23.9% said they do not know if the FRG is run well.



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8. All spouses: Of those who reported an active FRG in the Soldier's unit, spouses reported the following reasons why they have not participated in a FRG during the last 12 months:

- Times/hours FRGs meet are not convenient (32.5%)
- Don't have time (30.2%)
- Want to keep personal life separate from military (25.2%)
- Don't feel that I need to participate (17.9%)

9. All spouses: Of those who reported an active FRG in the Soldier's unit, 38.0% rated the FRG's help as good for their own family, 18.0% rated the FRG's help as poor, and 18.5% said they do not know.

10. All spouses: Of those who reported an active FRG in the Soldier's unit, 34.8% rated the FRG's help as good for other families in their unit, 7.4% rated it as poor, and 40.8% said they do not know.



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11. All spouses: Over three-fifths of spouses strongly agreed/agreed with the following statements:

- My spouse kept/keeps me well informed about the Army (83.5%)
- At this location, I know where to go or how to get emergency assistance, if needed (81.0%)
- I feel comfortable dealing with the Army medical system while my spouse is away (75.9%)
- I keep myself well informed about the Army (73.5%)
- I feel comfortable dealing with Army Agencies (63.2)



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12. All spouses: Compared to 2001, spouses are *more likely* in 2004/5 to strongly agree/agree with the following statements:

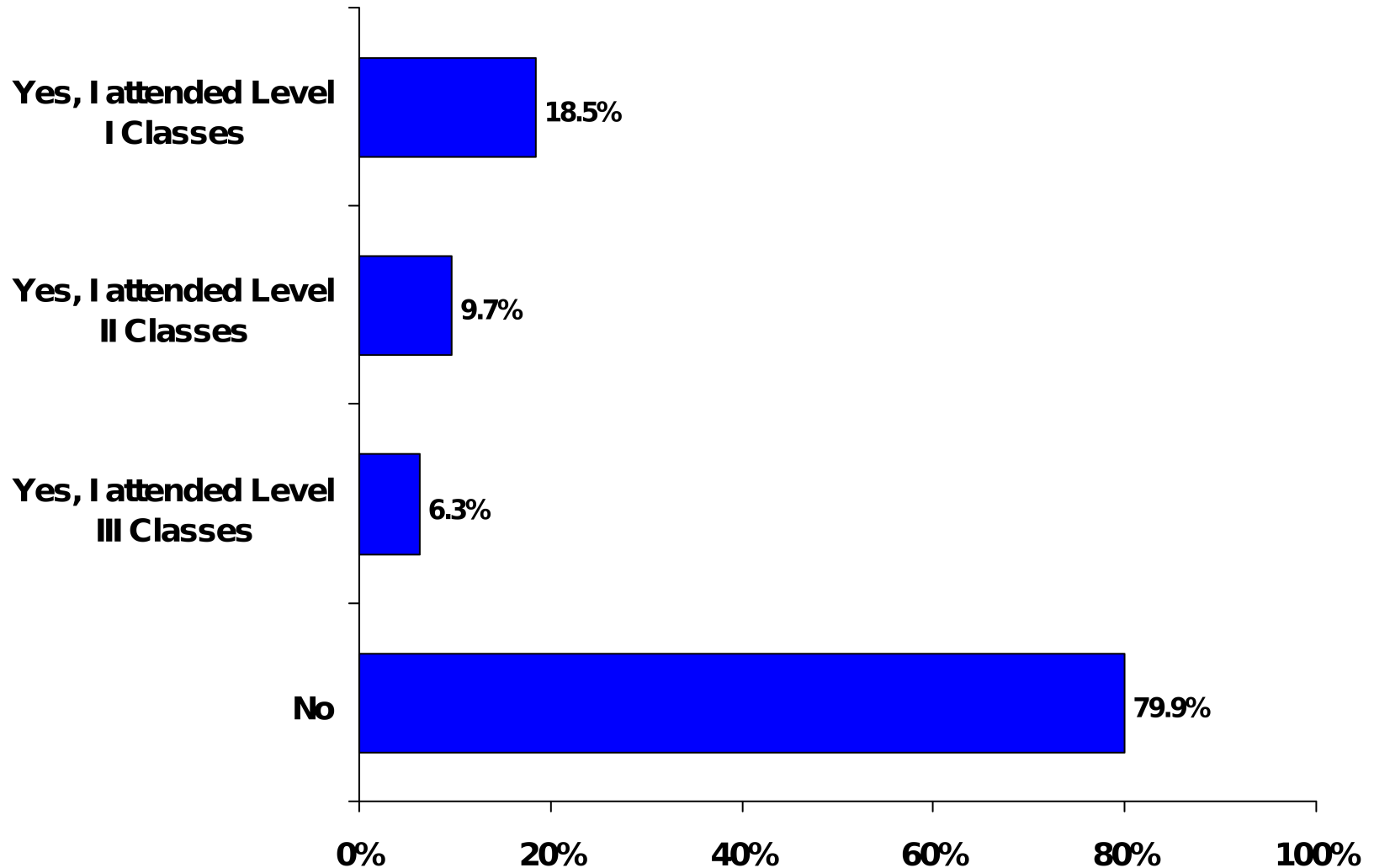
- My spouse has kept/keeps me well informed about the Army (80.5% in 2001, 83.5% in 2004/5)
- I keep myself well informed about the Army (68.5% in 2001, 73.5% in 2004/5)
- I feel comfortable with Army agencies (58.7% in 2001, 63.2% in 2004/5)

13. All spouses: In 2004/5, 48.6% said Army civilian employees who deal primarily with Army families treat them with the appropriate amount of respect and 45.4% said Army civilian employees who deal primarily with Soldiers treat family members with the appropriate amount of respect. This is an *increase* over 2001 when 40.7% said Army civilian employees treat family members of Soldiers with the appropriate amount of respect.



Have you participated in AFTB?

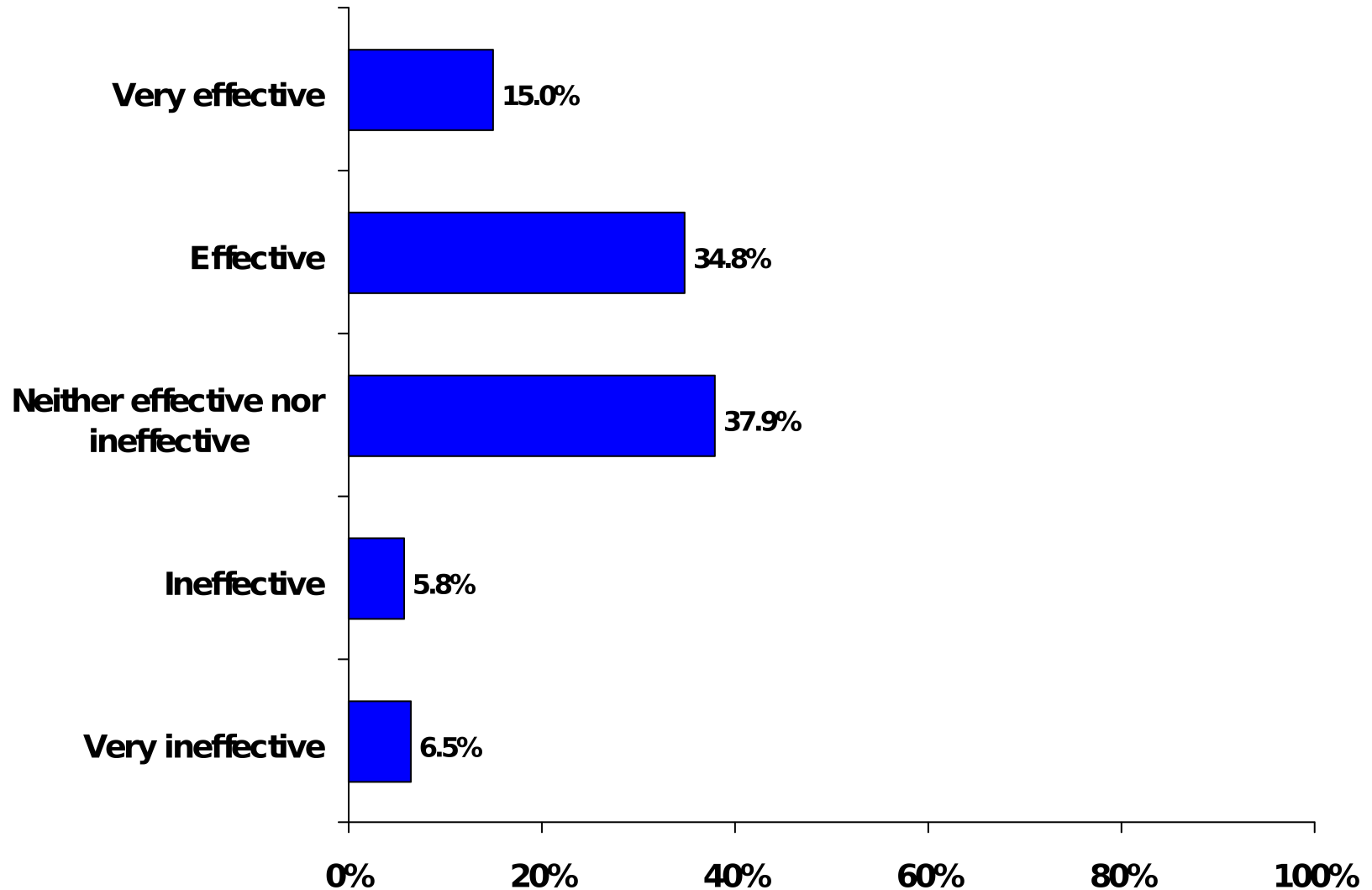
All spouses





How effective has the AFTB been in helping you and your family adjust to Army life?

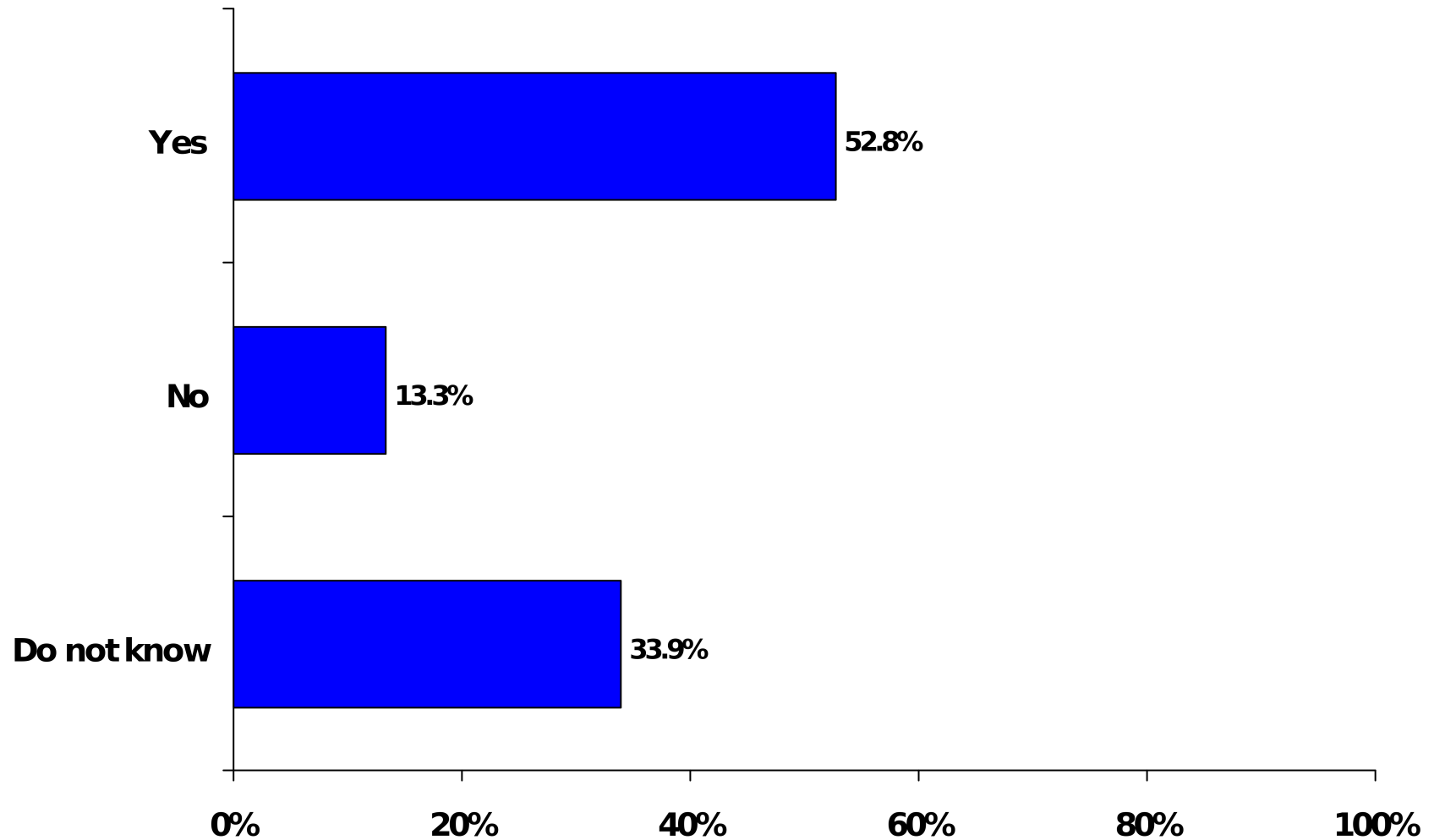
All spouses





Is the FRG in your spouse's unit active?

All spouses

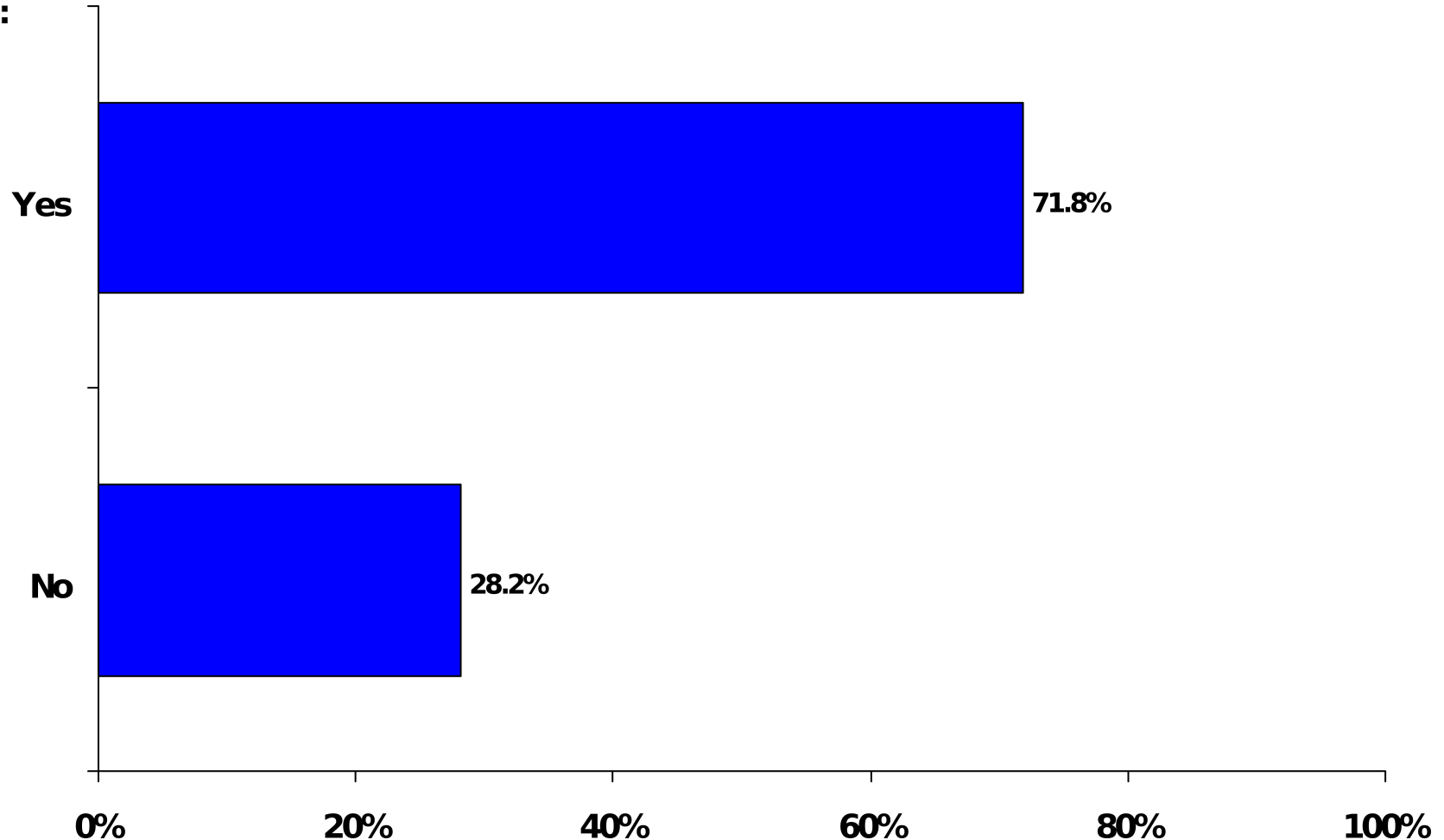




Have you participated in FRG activities by attending meetings?

All spouses

OF THOSE SPOUSES REPORTING ACTIVE FRG IN SOLDIER'S UNIT:

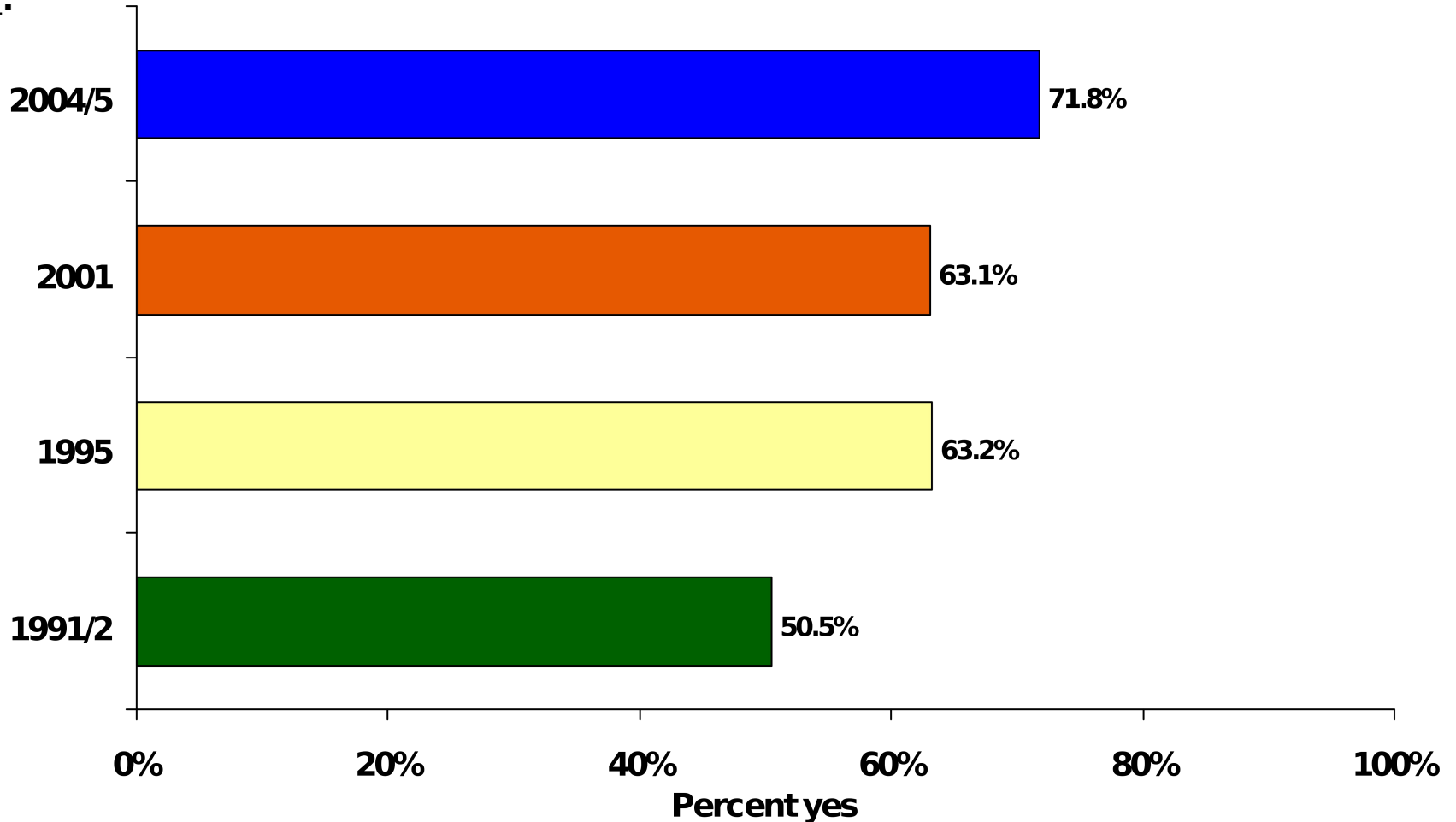




Have you participated in FRG activities by attending meetings?

All spouses (1991/2, 1995, 2001, 2004/5)

OF THOSE SPOUSES REPORTING ACTIVE FRG IN SOLDIER'S UNIT:



2004/5 SE +/- 1% (Q43A2_111)
2001 SE +/- 1%
1995 SE +/- 1%

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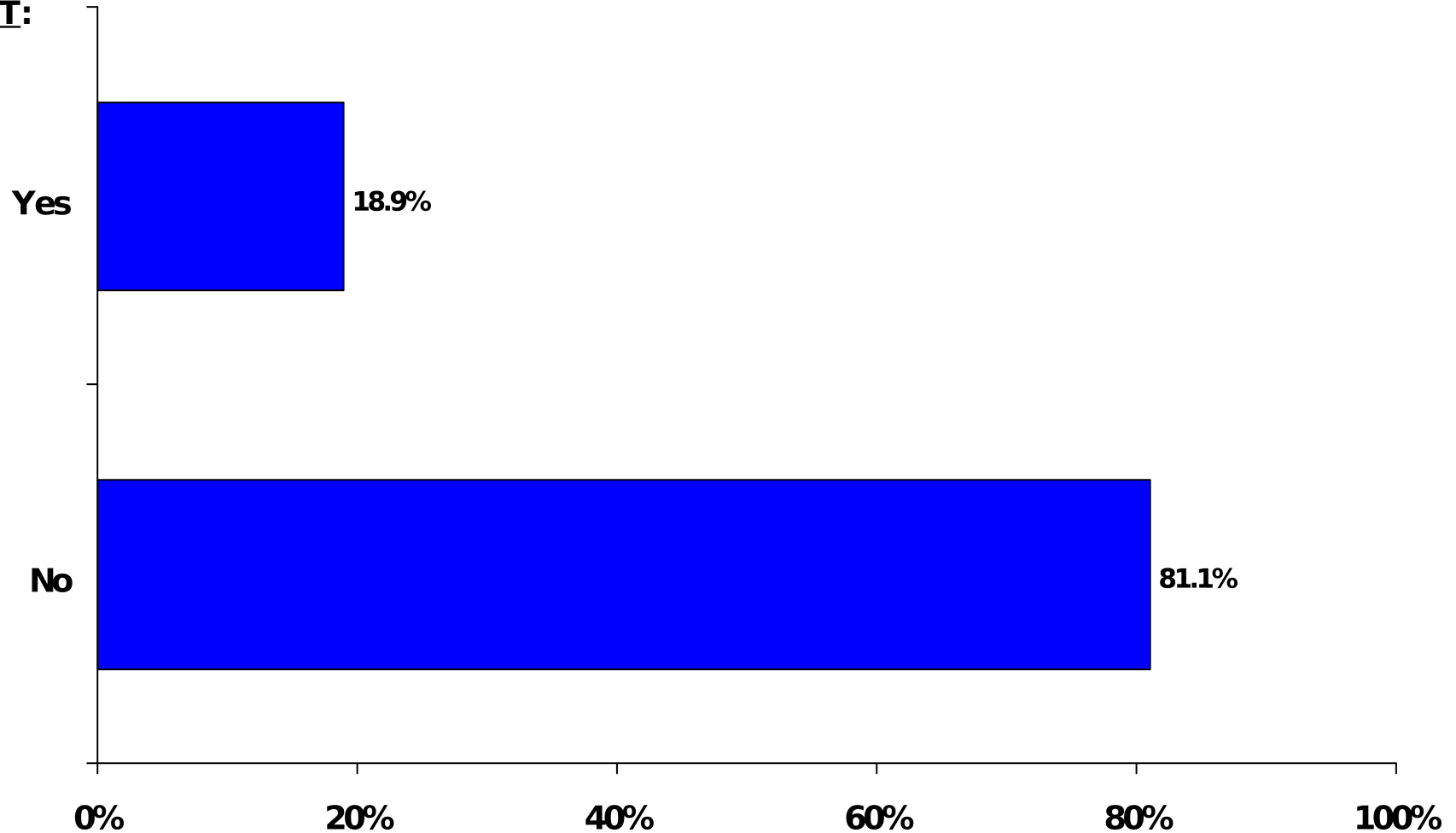
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Have you participated in FRG activities by serving as a FRG leader?

All spouses

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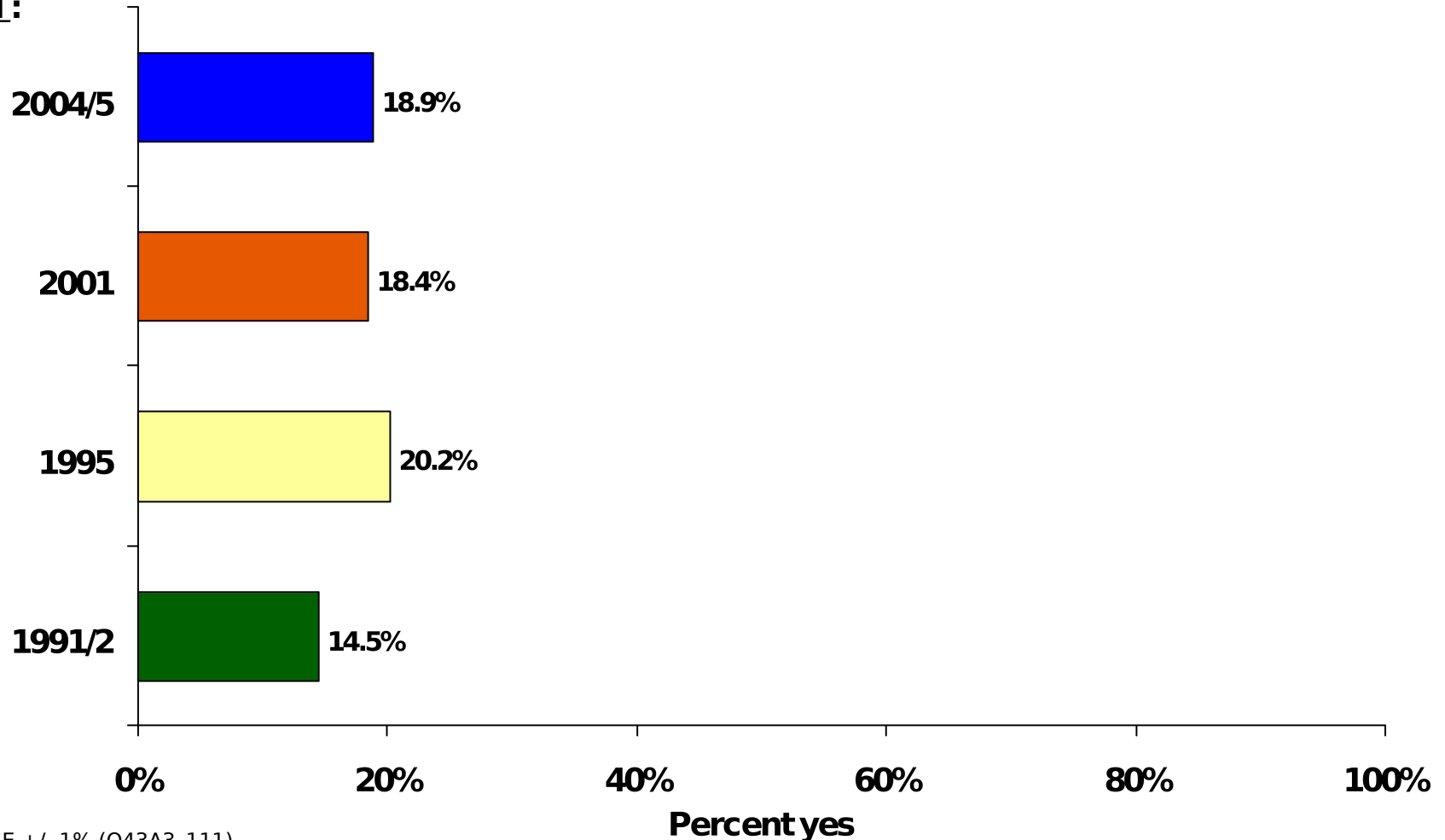




Have you participated in FRG activities by serving as a FRG leader?

All spouses (1991/2, 1995, 2001, 2004/5)

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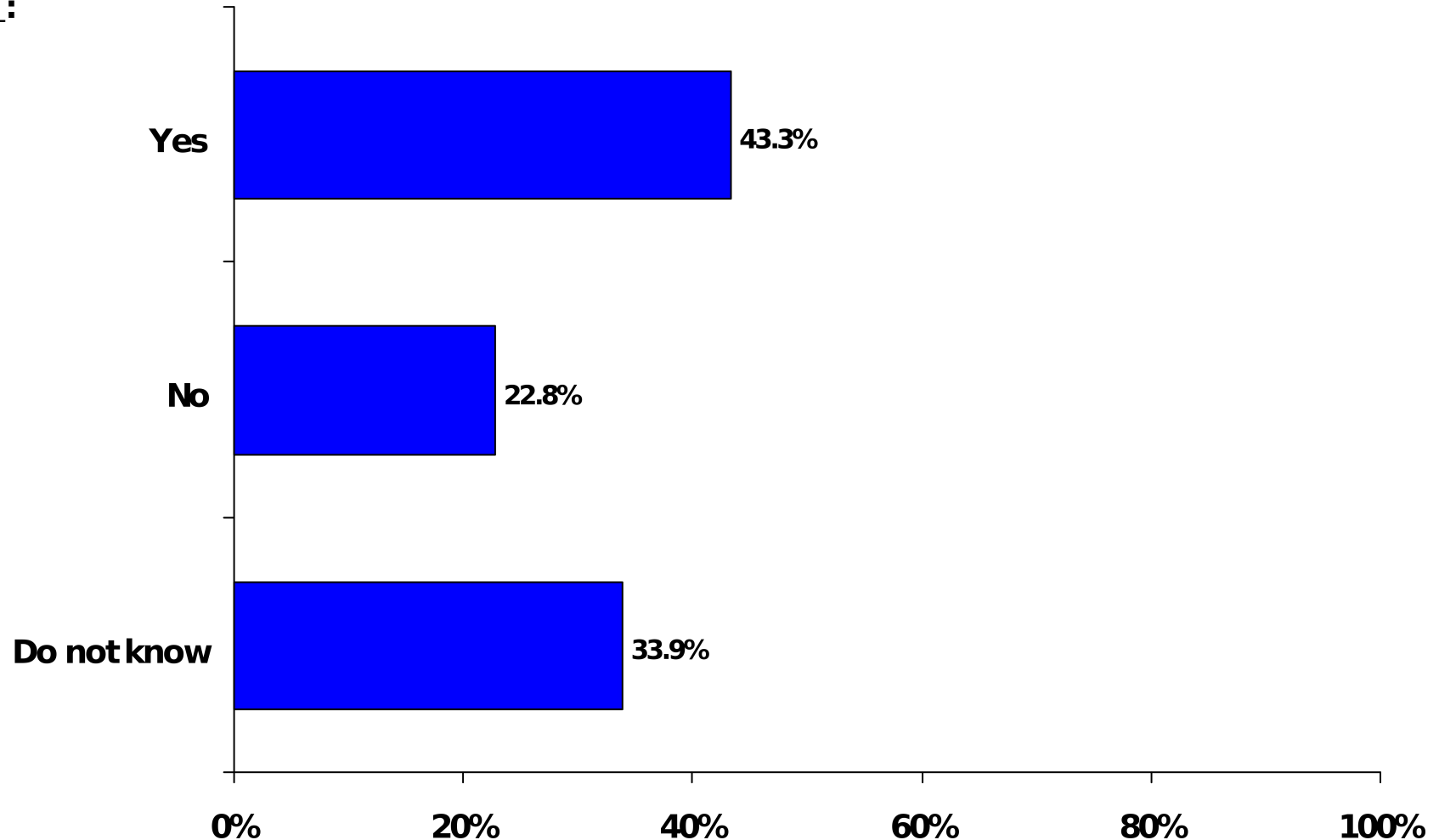
2004/5 SE +/- 1% (Q43A3_111)
2001 SE +/- 1%
1995 SE +/- 1%



Is your FRG providing family readiness training?

All spouses

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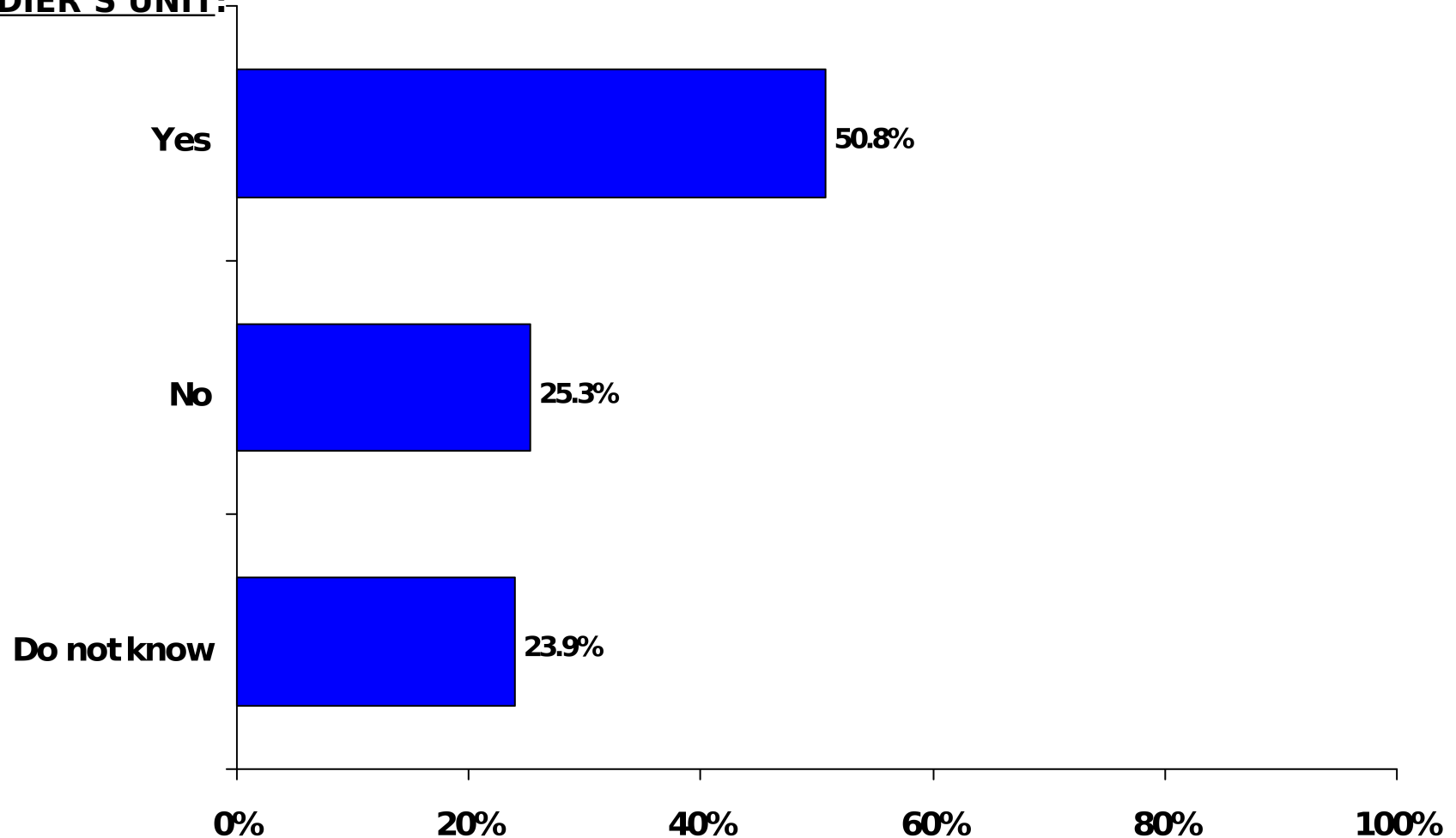




Is the FRG in your spouse's unit run well?

All spouses

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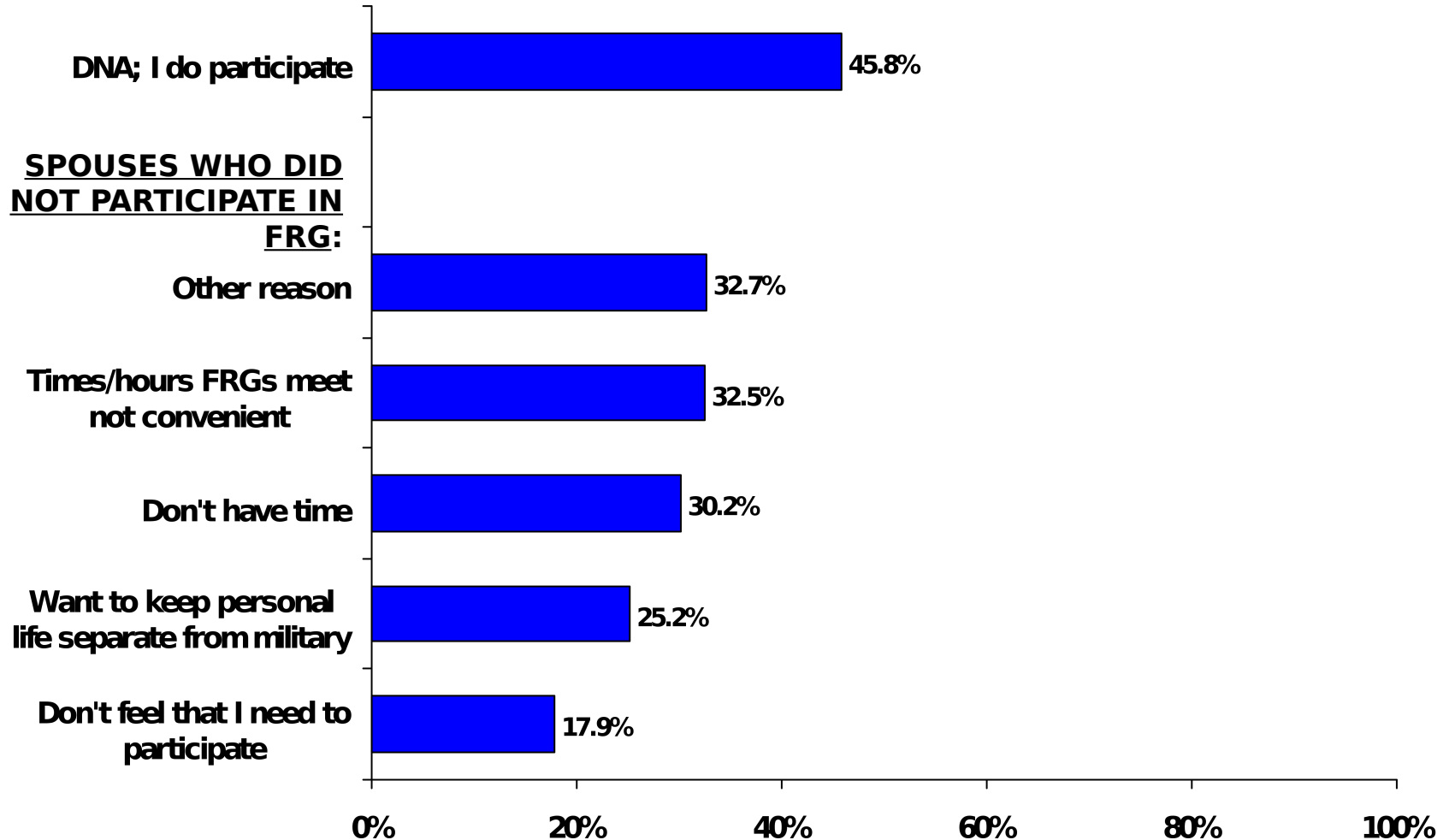




During the last 12 months, why have you NOT participated in an FRG?

All spouses

OF THOSE SPOUSES REPORTING AN ACTIVE FRG IN SOLDIER'S UNIT:



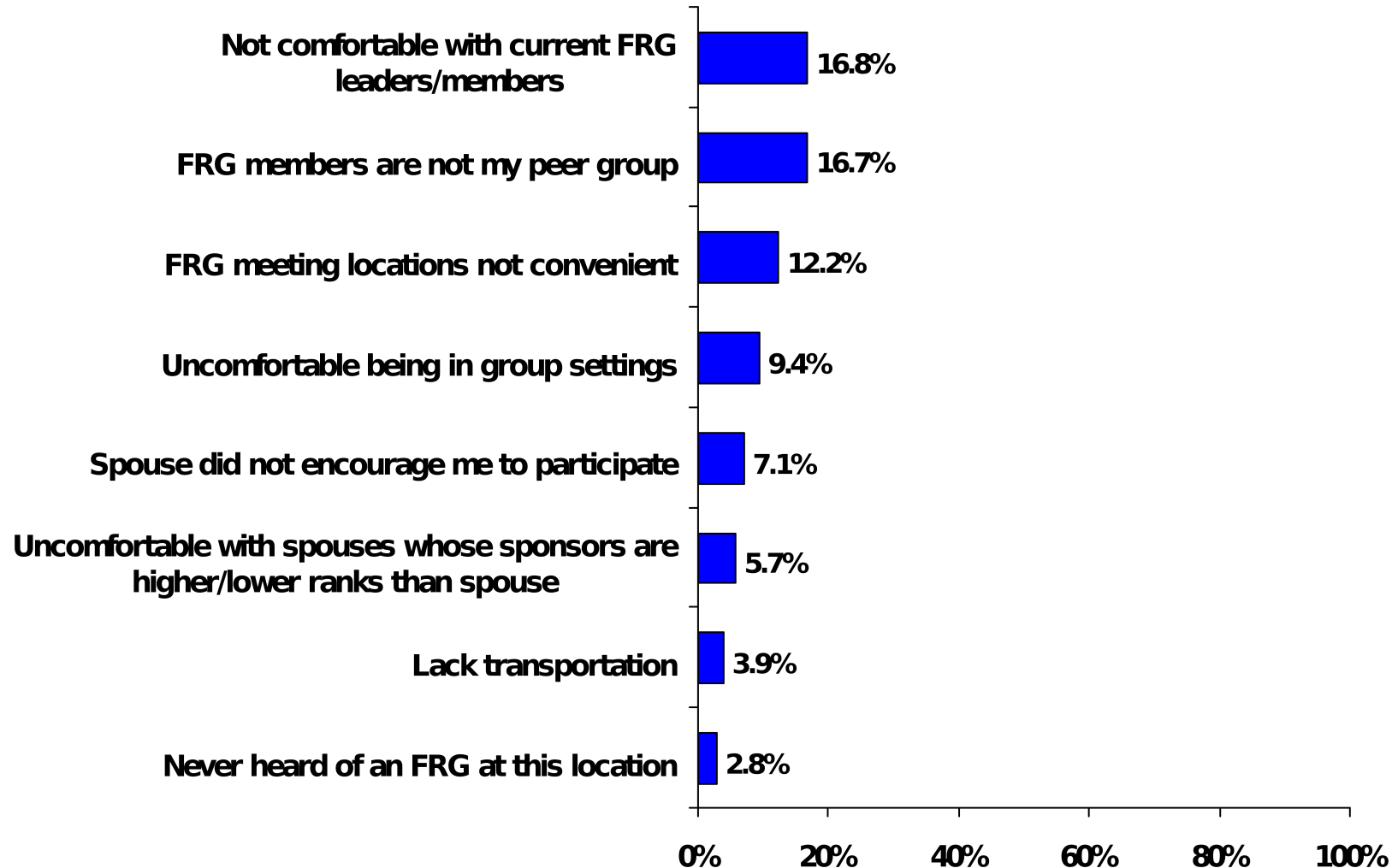
SPOUSES WHO DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN FRG:



During the last 12 months, why have you NOT participated in a Family Readiness Group? **(Continued)**

All spouses

OF SPOUSES REPORTING AN ACTIVE FRG IN SOLDIER'S UNIT BUT DID NOT PARTICIPATE:

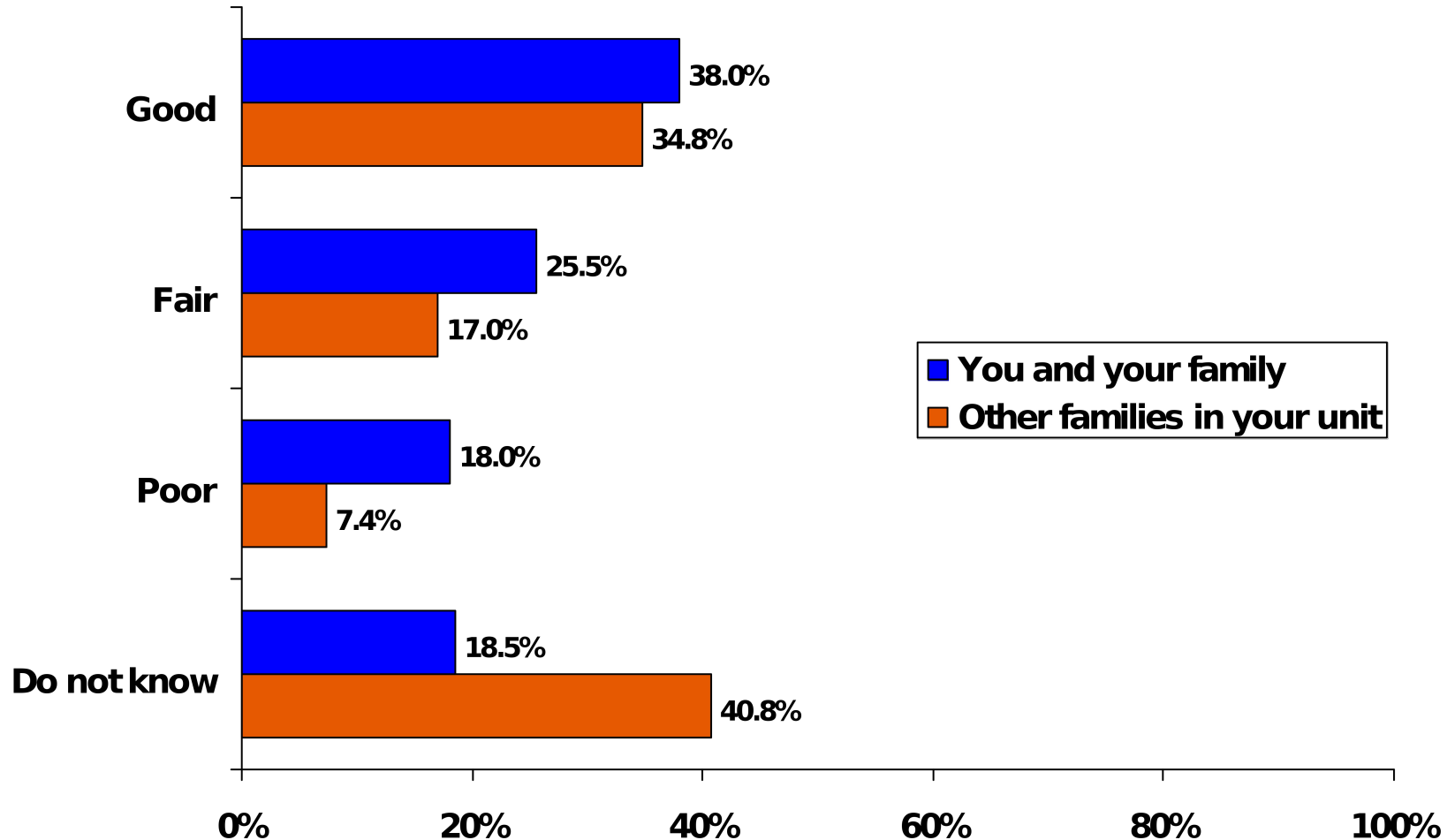




How would you rate how well your FRG has helped you and your family and other families in your unit?

All spouses

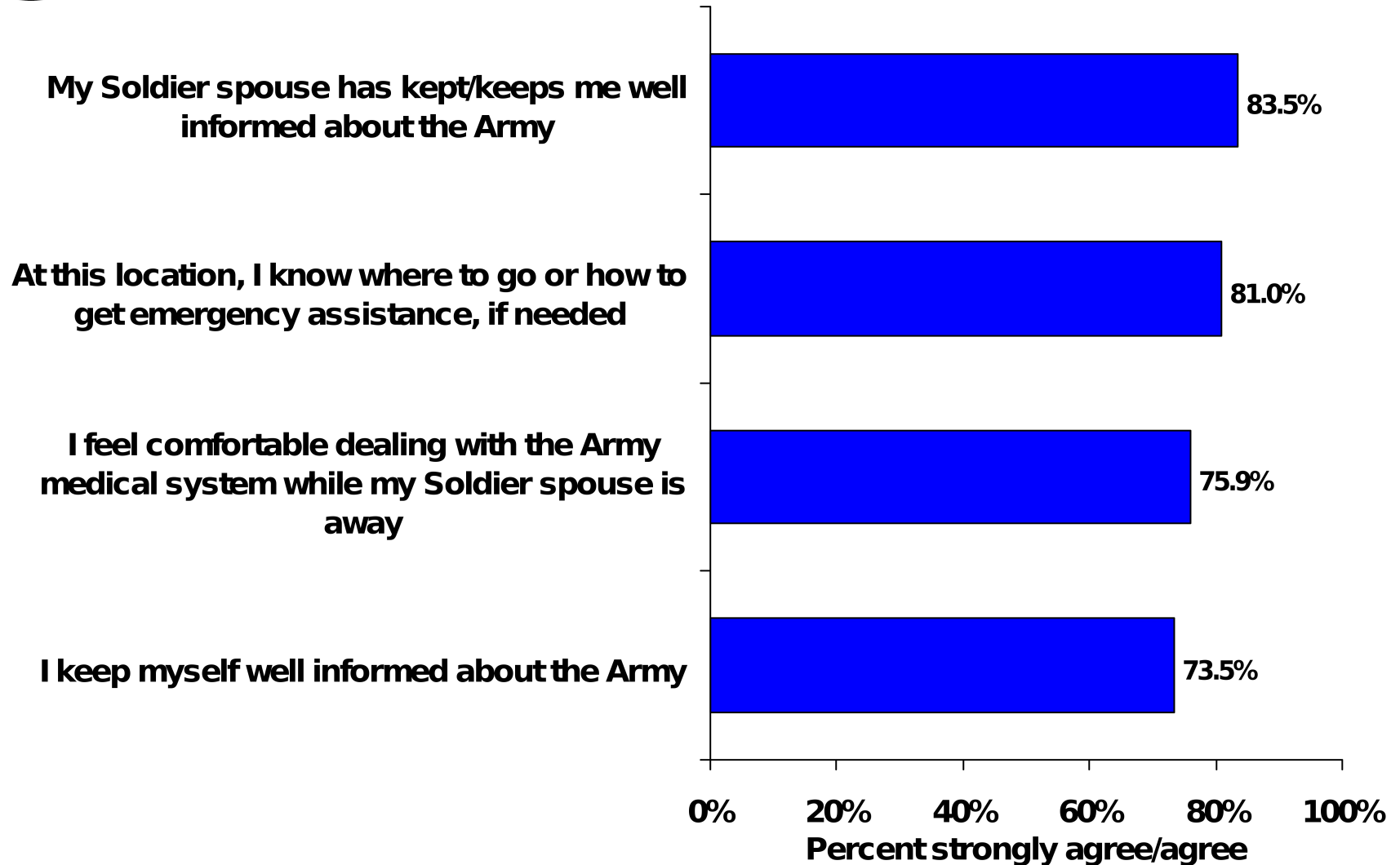
OF THOSE SPOUSES REPORTING AN ACTIVE FRG IN THE SOLDIER'S UNIT:





To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

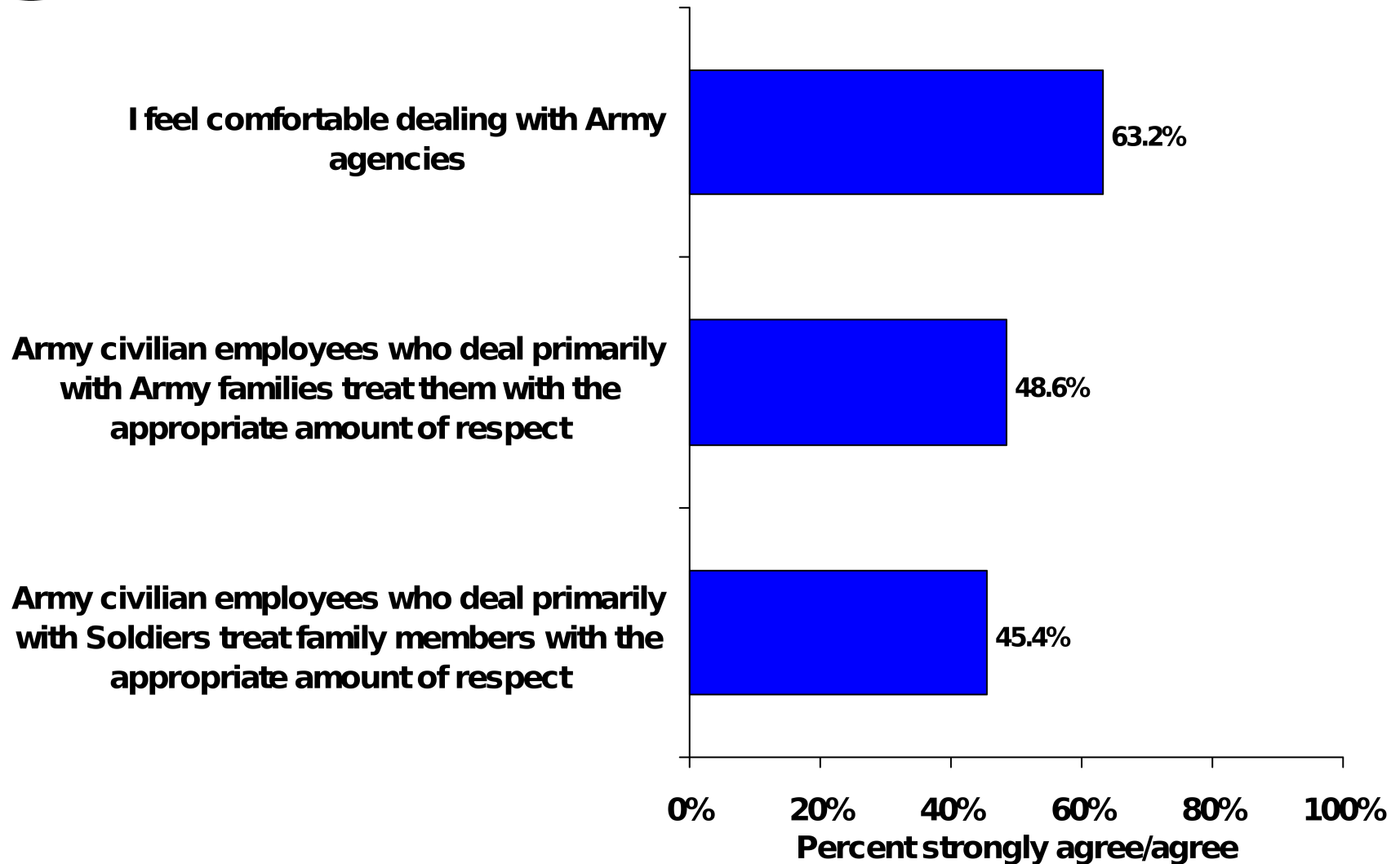
All spouses





To what extent do you agree with the following statements? (Continued)

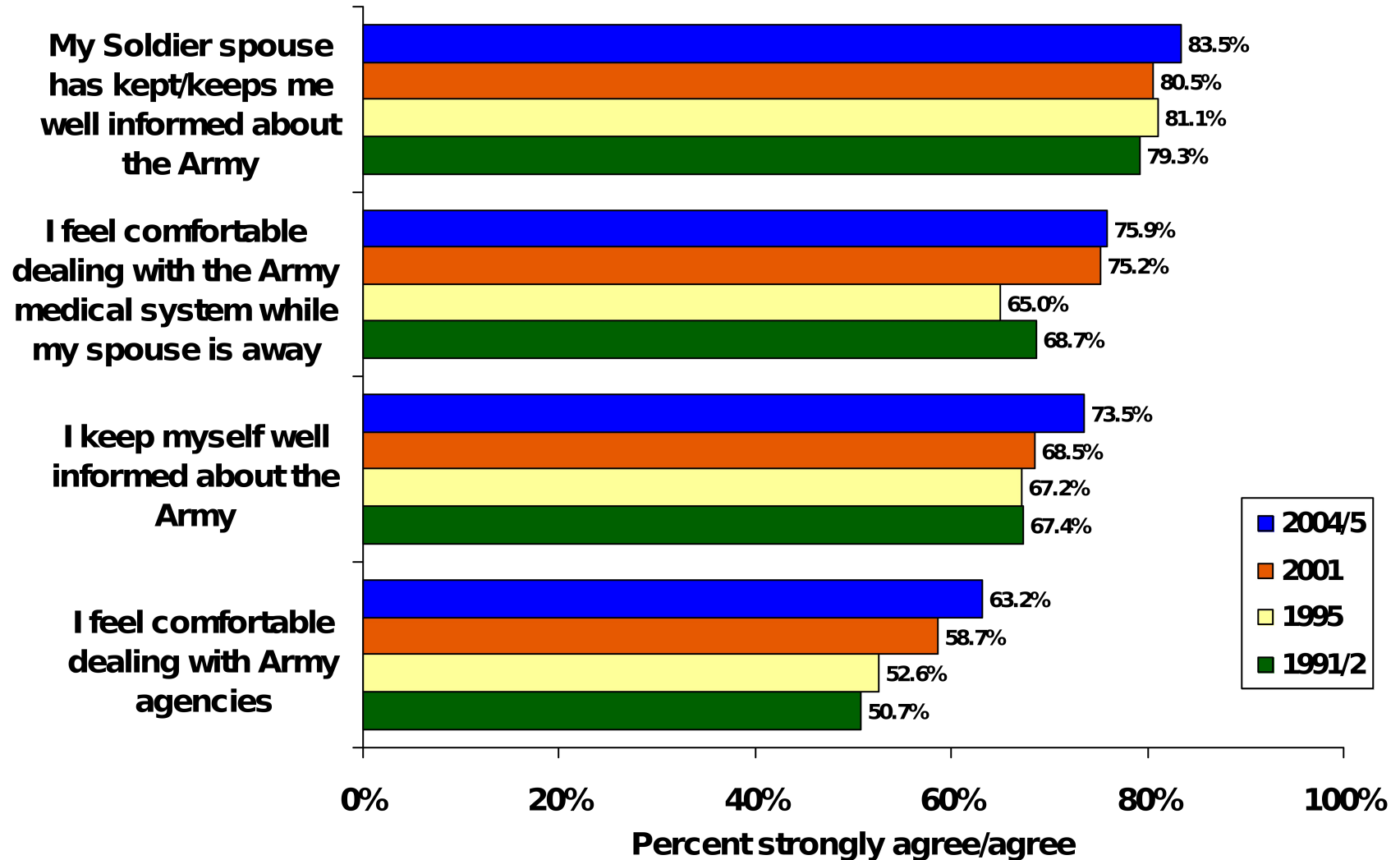
All spouses





To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

All spouses (1991/2, 1995, 2001, 2004/5)



2004/5 SE +/- 1% (Q46A1-A4_111)
2001 SE +/- 1%
1995 SE +/- 1%



To what extent do you agree with the following statement?

All spouses (1991/2, 1995, 2001, 2004/5)

Army civilian employees who deal primarily with Soldiers treat family members with the appropriate amount of respect

Army civilian employees who deal primarily with Army families treat them with the appropriate amount of respect

Army civilian employees treat family members of Soldiers with the appropriate amount of respect

